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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office's Office Action dated July 1, 2008, for patent application serial no. 10/578,935, the Applicant has timely enclosed herein:

15 page Response.

Amendments begin on Page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on Page 12 of this response.

I. Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the above-captioned application prior to examination as discussed below. All text of the pending claims is included in the listing, and all amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed.